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- 1. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED OFFICIALS IN SECRETARIATS OF EDUCATION AND FOREIGN RELATIONS CONCERNING CHANDLER CANDIDACY FOR DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION (IBE). OFFICIALS BOTH STATE THAT MEXICO'S MEMBER OF UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD, BRAVO AHUJA, HAS RESIGNED AND IS NOT DISPOSED TO SUPPORT CHANDLER CANDIDACY EVEN THOUGH HIS RESIGNATION TECHNICALLY WILL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS ON APRIL 25. IT WOULD NOT BE PRODUCTIVE FOR EMBASSY TO APPROACH BRAVO, SINCE ON OUR FIRST CONTACT HE WAS QUITE CATEGORIC ABOUT HIS BEING NO LONGER INVOLVED.
- 2. MEXICAN OFFICIALS STATED THAT NEW MEXICAN SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, PORFIRIO MUNOZ LEDO, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY GOM TO REPLACE BRAVO AHUJA AS MEMBER OF UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD. HE IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN GENEVA. THEY ALSO CONFIRMED THAT NEW MEXICAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO IS PORFIRIO'S BROTHER, ARTURO MUNOZ LEDO. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. AT EMBASSY REQUEST, FOREIGN SECRETARIAT IS SENDING COPY OF KAMM'S LETTER TO PORFIRIO MUNOZ LEDO. FOREIGN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL, WHILE NOTING THAT BRAVO AHUJA'S RESIGNATION COMPLICATES MEXICO'S ABILITY TO ADOPT POSITION ON CHANDLER CANDIDACY, SUGGESTS THAT U.S. UNESCO REPRESENTATIVE IN PARIS MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH

MEXICO'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, ARTURO MUNOZ LEDO, TO DISCUSS CHANDLER CANDIDACY. (TWO MUNOZ LEDO BROTHERS ARE REPORTEDLY ON CLOSE PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL TERMS.) THOMPSON

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